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SUBJECT: OPEC MINISTERIAL IN LIBREVILLE

1. COMMENTS BY UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY PETROLEUM ABDULLAH ISMAIL,
WHO WAS MEMBER UAE DEL TO LIBREVILLE OPEC MEETING, REINFORCE
IMPRESSION THAT LITTLE OF SIGNIFICANCE OCCURRED ON THIS OCCASION.
ISMAIL SAID ABSENCE OF BOTH SAUDI AND IRANIAN MINISTERS MADE IT
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IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH DECISIONS ON IMPORTANT MATTERS. DISCUSSION

OF PRICE ISSUE IN CLOSED SESSION REVEALED "MAJOR DIFFERENCES" AND ALL DELEGATIONS WERE RELIEVED TO DISPOSE OF IT BY REFERRING IT TO STUDY BY EXPERTS AND DECISION AT VIENNA MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. ACCORDING TO ISMAIL KUWAITIS WERE MOST OUTSPOKEN IN FAVOR OF PRICE RISE, ARGUING THAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT LIBREVILLE AND NOT POSPONED UNTIL NEXT MINISTERIAL. SAUDIS WERE ON OPPOSITE END, OPPOSING ANY LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE THAT WOULD LIMIT FUTURE FLEXIBILITY OF MEMBERS. IT WAS AT SAUDI INSISTENCE, ACCORDING TO ISMAIL, THAT WORD "INCREASED" WAS CHANGED TO "READJUSTED" IN COMMUNIQUE.

2. ISMAIL SAID, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS GOOD DEAL OF CORRIDOR CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT, PRODUCER REACTION TO US INITIATIVE TO GET PREPARATORY CON-

ERENCE RECONVENED WAS NOT FORMAL ITEM ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, IT BEING ACCEPTED THAT THIS WOULD BE LEFT TO FOUR OPEC INVITEES TO HANDLE.
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